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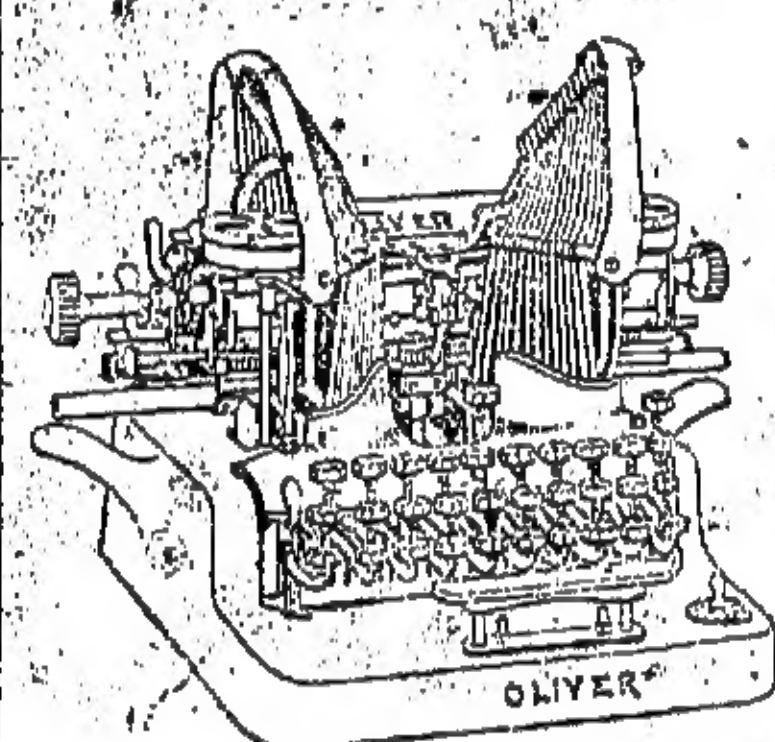
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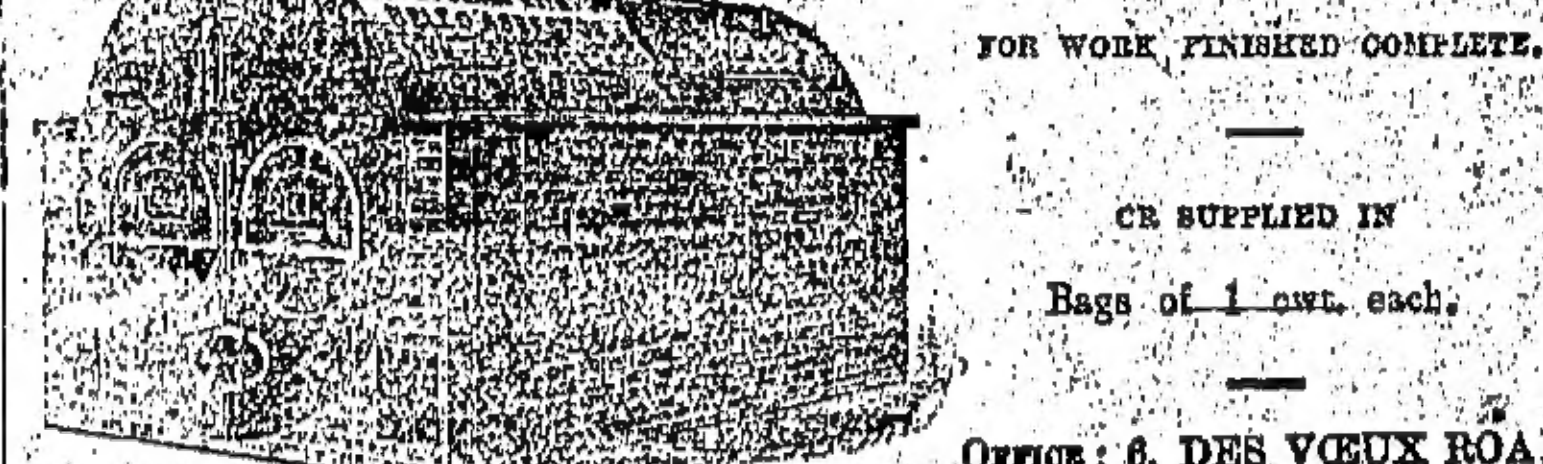
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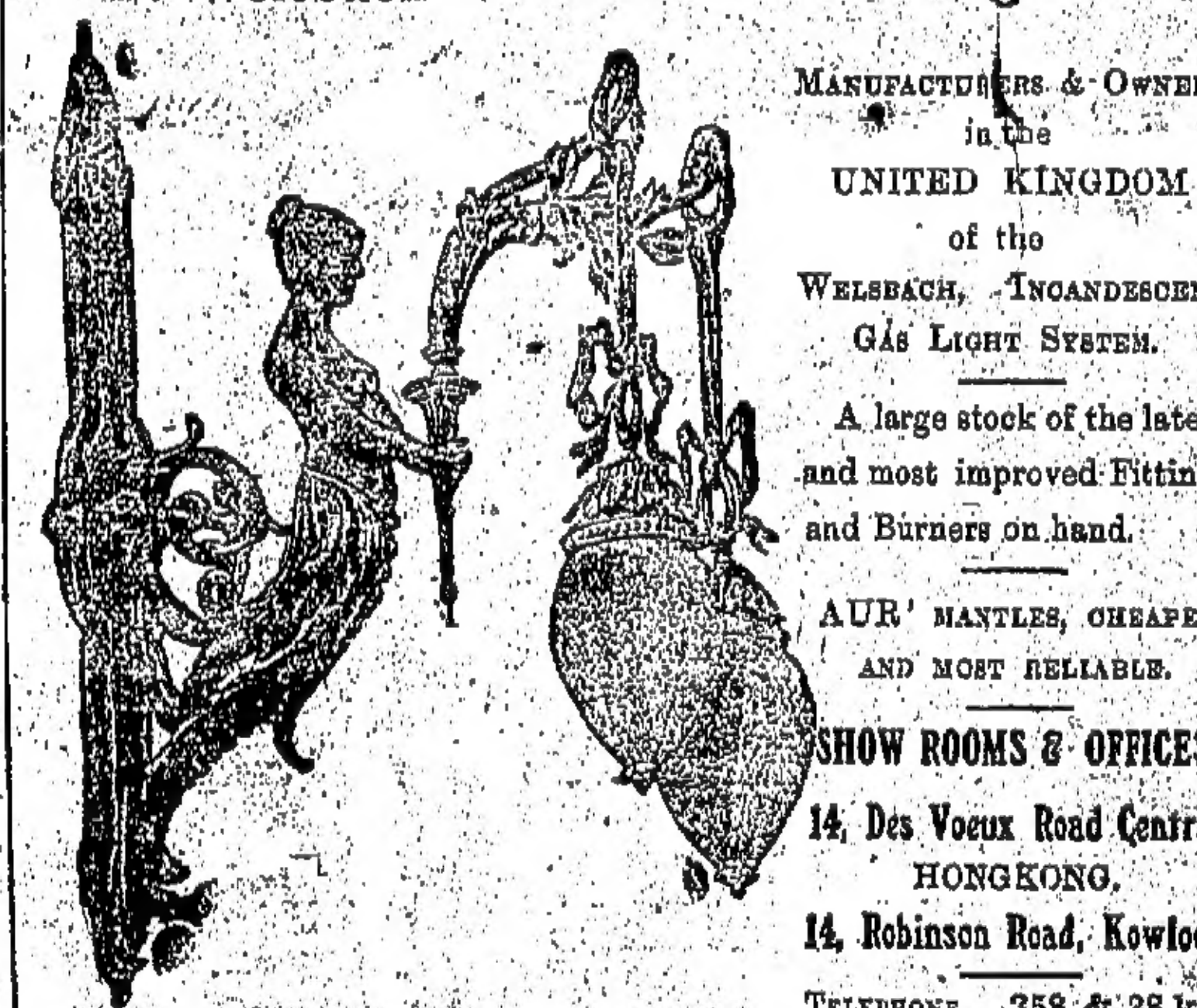
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9.15 p.m.—Performance at City Hall.
 Miscellaneous.

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General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2.—9 p.m.—Christmas Entertainment at the Catholic Union, Glenageary.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7.—5.30 p.m.—Organ Recital in St. John's Cathedral.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 9.—Goods per Zaiang undelivered after this date subject to rent.

The China Mail

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 1908.

HOME POLITICS.

THERE seems to be still a considerable amount of uncertainty at Home in regard to the political situation. The speech that Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman delivered at Edinburgh was to have started a sort of holy war against the House of Lords. But evidently the call to arms fell upon deaf ears. Our Scottish correspondent, in his letter published on Saturday, stated that the Scottish people had betrayed but little enthusiasm, and the impression left on the mind after reading Home papers, even those which support the present administration, is that the feeling of the country against the Peers is nothing like so strong as it was thought to be. If this is really so the position of the Liberal Government is far from enviable. The coming into line with the Tariff Reformers of Mr. Balfour has practically brought about a fusion of the Unionist forces and now that they are no longer torn by internecine strife they will probably harry the Government much more successfully than hitherto. Mr. Balfour has the reputation of being one of the subtlest political tacticians in the United Kingdom. It may safely be anticipated, therefore, that he will have some unpleasant surprises in store for the Government during the coming session. With its gigantic majority there is no likelihood of the Government being displaced but it may very possibly be seriously shaken. It would, however, seem almost too much to expect that at the next general election the Unionist party could hope to regain power. The rout which resulted when it last went to the country was so overwhelming that, on the face of it, it looked as if the "cold shades of opposition" were to be its portion for a long time to come. Still, some members of the party are already beginning to talk hopefully of the prospects. They argue that the longer the Liberals remain in power the more apparent will become their incapacity. It is impossible at this distance from the scene of conflict to form an opinion of any real value. But, without hazarding a definite opinion in regard to what is likely to occur when the next appeal is made to the country, it is worth remarking that the Liberals are certain to continue losing ground so long as they allow the impression to prevail that they are to some extent allied with the Socialists. The feeling among the electors against the Socialists is beyond doubt much stronger than that against the House of Lords. The Upper House has earned a certain amount of unpopularity because it will not consent to any political innovation without long deliberation. The Socialists, on the other hand, are feared because they wish to rush the country into political experiments without any deliberation whatsoever. The people of Great Britain, if they have to choose between undue haste and unnecessary caution, are certain to incline to the latter. Our social system has been evolving for centuries and improvements have been very gradual. But there have been improvements and as time goes on many of the anomalies and injustices which still, unhappily, exist will be removed. The choice is between slow and deliberate movement towards an ideal and a smash up of social conditions as they exist to-day in the hope that something better

may be erected on the ruins. The genius of British race is to make haste slowly, and, in a sense, the House of Lords is more truly representative of the people than the elected Chamber. Bearing all this in mind it is understandable that the Prime Minister's campaign in Scotland has proved rather a fiasco.

The "Friend of India" is surprised to ascertain that English is rapidly becoming the language of India and finds occasion in remarking thereon to put in a good word for the missionary. Thus:—A contemporary comments upon the fact that the use of the English language has grown with astonishing rapidity throughout India within the last two or three decades. Whereas it used to be held that Hindustani was the language to assist one in conversational comfort from one end of the country to the other, English is now attaining the premier position. But the spread of English is not confined to this peninsula. All over the European continent the Englishman may safely travel, at least upon the recognised tourist routes, with no other aid than that afforded by his mother tongue; and in the more remote parts of France and Germany, and throughout all Denmark, he can safely count upon finding himself understood by someone at least in practically every village. For all this give tribute to the obstinate and insular person who persistently adopts the attitude that what is British is good enough for anybody. His one qualification is his money, and as he will take no trouble to make himself understood by those amongst whom he is thrown in his journeys, nay if they wish for his company—and his money—must perforce make themselves understood by him. So is English spreading, amid many curses heaped upon the unconscious missionary, whom we at least ought to bless. Perhaps he may even lead us to a universal language and so earn the gratitude of all civilisation.

Recently near Canton there was an accident on the river by which two children belonging to a mangrove, or slipper boat, were drowned. It appears that a steam launch was towing a passage boat when the accident occurred. According to the story, the launch has now hoisted the British flag. The native report states that in view of the accident the sum of \$150 has been sent through the British Consul to the owner of the boat, as compensation for the accident. This sum, however, was declined. On the other hand an appeal was lodged with the police authorities, and a demand has been made that the whole affair be gone into so that it might be discovered whether or not the launch was flying the British flag when the accident occurred. The money sent has been taken to the yamen of the Nantow magistrate, and so the matter rests. Probably the owner of the boat, who by the way, seems to be a woman, was conched as to the course to follow, for the newspapers are delighted that she has declined the money and they praise her as a woman of determination and foresight. Meanwhile, according to the report, she has sense enough not to allow the money to be returned, but to see that it is retained in Chinese hands, though probably before it reaches her own hands it will have descended to a vanishing sum. But the episode, if correctly reported in the native papers, shows the difficulties that follow the flying of the foreign flag by the Chinese skippers, and it will possibly be another incident that will lead to a clearing up of this complicated question. It certainly cannot be a satisfactory state of affairs when half the steam launches that ply the rivers fly a foreign flag, and there can be little gain to the representatives of those particular nations that these launches should do so. Any one can see that such an unreal state of things easily lends itself to complications, and whilst this is so, it is little wonder that complications arise.

Mr. Zappa, a Greek resident in Roumania, has bequeathed 1,000,000 francs (about £20,000) to Greece, to ensure the continuance of the Olympic games.

The Nederland Steam Navigation Company, which runs steamers between Holland and Java, has ordered two new cargo boats for its service—to be named the Sumatra and the Lombok. Reinforcement of the Company's fleet was called for urgently owing to its mail boats being detained too long at Sabang and Singapore in discharging cargo.

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PEACE DELEGATES.

By the German Mail to-day there arrived in the Colony the Japanese delegates who were at the Hague Peace Conference. They are His Excellency K. Tanihara, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Major General Y. Akiyama, and Rear Admiral H. Shimamura. They are guests at Government House this evening.

POLLARD'S LILLIPUTIANS.

"Mother Goose."

To-night the result of hard work and patience will be placed before the theatre-going public of Hongkong in the shape of a grand pantomime, "Mother Goose." We have had the pleasure of seeing and hearing "The Bells of New York," "In Town," and "La Poupee," and we are quite sure that the Pollard's will sustain their reputation to-night. A matinee of "Mother Goose" will be given next Saturday afternoon at 3.30 when children and adults will be admitted at half price. Seats may be reserved at the Robinson Pinnos Co.

Last night the Company played "La Poupee" for the third time and once again evoked enthusiastic approbation. Everything went well, and encores were frequent.

LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.

The Captain of the N. Y. K. s.s. Wyo Maru was washed away from his vessel, off the province of Noto in the recent storm.

The Canadian Mauretania snapped her moorings in the North River and stuck on the mud. It is hoped to release her at high tide without damage.

Members of the anti-Japanese party at Seoul are circulating the rumour that the cruise of the American Fleet to the Pacific is intended to save Korea.

H. E. Ts Shou, the Chinese Commissioner, who has come to study the Constitution of Japan, was to be received in audience by the Emperor of Japan on December 25.

In consequence of his having been denounced to the Throne on the charge of incompetency, Viceroy Sung Shou, of the Min-Chi provinces, has decided to send in his resignation.

The Chinese Eastern Railway is attracting towards Vladivostok the traffic in beans, beans and other cereals which is blocked by the congestion at Chingchun, by reducing its rates.

A New York wire of December 24: The troops are leaving the goldfields of Nevada where, it will be remembered, the miners had gone on strike against payment by cheque. The previous reports of the disturbances have been grossly exaggerated.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Netherdale Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donation towards purchase of Rounten Rays:—
 Dr. G. M. Harston 200.

Messrs Campbell, Moore and Co., who have been established for some years at the corner of Queen's Road Central and Polder Street (near the Clock Tower), have, owing to the reconstruction of portion of the Hongkong Hotel, had to remove their business. Patrons will now find them located at 14 Des Vaux Road Central, opposite Powell's.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Captain Mitchell Taylor, A.D.C., whilst on leave, will be succeeded at Government House by Captain Fleisling.

His Excellency the Governor, accompanied by Sir Hamilton de Saussure, Capt Mitchell Taylor, A.D.C., and Mr Brockton were present at the regimental sports at Kowloon to-day.

The dinner at Government House this evening will, in addition to those previously mentioned, be attended by the Japanese Peace Delegates just returning from the Hague, and Mrs May, Capt. Pacher and Capt. Linzer, of the Austro-Hungarian cruiser Franz Joseph. The party will total 40.

A society of local architects has been formed at Shanghai and incorporated under the Hongkong Ordinances as the Institute of Architects in China, with temporary offices at 4 Peking Road. The following are the office-bearers:—President, Mr W. M. Dowdall; Vice-Presidents, Messrs Walter Scott and Arthur Dallas; Council:—Messrs A. E. Algar, J. Ambrose, Gilbert Davies, and R. B. Moorhead; Acting Secretary, Mr R. M. Saker.

The King of Siam is said to have kept a private diary during his tour in Europe. The letters he received are to be published.

A Singapore paper says that snipe are so plentiful round Kuala Belanger that the local sportsmen have become blasé from shooting them and now go out in search of punia.

BY TELEGRAPH, BY TELEGRAPH.

THE COOLIE TRADE.

No Justice to British Shipping.

Hongkong Ordinance Must Stand.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

LONDON, January 1.

Lord Elgin has notified the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce that he cannot agree to amend the Hongkong Ordinance forbidding British ships to take contract coolies to Panama to work on the canal.

British shippers complain that foreign ships are given an advantage by the terms of the Ordinance and the Liverpool Chamber has expressed its intention of pressing this upon the notice of Lord Elgin.

INDIA'S REVENUE.

A Heavy Decrease.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

LONDON, January 1.

The revenue for the Indian Empire shows a decrease of £271,692 for the past nine months.

The decrease has been very much more marked during the last quarter, the decline being £1,115,182.

HIGHLANDERS IN TOWN.

The arrival of the transport Hardinge yesterday allowed the Cameron Highlanders on board to spend their New Year's Day in Hongkong. Not many of the men were given shore leave, but a number of officers and "non-coms" were ashore, and their kilts were the wonderment of the Chinese. The celestials took a great interest in the Scotch dress, and seemed to gain considerable amusement. Wherever a Cameron went he was followed by a crowd of Chinese eyes in the vicinity.

The complement brought by the transport is as follows:—Lieut. Colonel and Mrs M. S. Riech, Major and Mrs F. A. Macfarlan and child, Captain A. F. Douglas Hamilton and child, Captain A. Chancellor, Captain P. T. C. Baird, Captain P. W. N. Fraser, D.S.O., Captain F. Mitford, Captain W. H. McCowan, Lieutenants J. R. C. Hanchote, R. B. Trotter, G. B. Duff, T. W. Erskine, E. J. Brodie, J. S. Drew, J. B. Black, A. J. A. Douglas, R. L. McCall, R. F. L. Johnston, W. J. Maxwell, A. Y. G. Thomson, A. A. Fowler, D. M. Morrison, Lieut. and Q.M. and Mrs D. Macdonald and 3 children, Rev. and Mrs H. Meek, Sergt. Maj. and Mrs J. Patrick and 2 children, Bandmaster and Mrs H. Fisher and three children, S. Sergt. and Mrs T. Sess and 2 children, Governess Miss Lewin, Q.M. Sergeants W. Patchett, and R. Sutton, 835 N.C.O.'s and men, 30 women and 23 children.

Among the indulgence passengers to go north with the transport will be Capt. Mitchell Taylor, A.D.C., Major Ross, and Mr Gompertz, P.M.: The party will visit Peking and return to Hongkong by the troop.

To-day the troops were ashore for exercise and were taken for a march. The playing of the pipes particularly interested onlookers, and the sight of the Highlanders proved of great interest to all observers.

The Hardinge will not leave for the north until Sunday—if then.

Entertaining the Cameron Clan.

The Committee of St. Andrew's Society regret that they have been prevented from communicating with the members on the subject of entertaining the Cameron Highlanders during their stay in the Colony. Arrangements had been made to entertain them and a telegram was despatched to Singapore to reach them on their arrival at that place. As they did not enter Singapore they missed the communication. The Committee are satisfied that it would be the wish of all Scotsmen to entertain our Scottish visitors but they are doing their best to do so and hope it will be endorsed by the full Society. All members of St. Andrew's Society may contribute to the expenses which must necessarily accrue from entertaining by remitting any donations to the Honorary Treasurer.

In the rush of time it has not been found possible to ascertain the full details of the entertainment by Scotsmen to their brother Scots, but about 600 of the rank and file are to be entertained at Happy Valley to-morrow afternoon. The Camerons have a strong football team and they are to tackle our navy, and every Scotsman in the Colony is putting his dollar on his own nation. The inner man will be properly attended to in good Scotch fashion.

The Officers of the Regiment seem to have many friends in the Colony and their difficulty will be in avoiding social engagements.

THE DUKEDOM OF PORTLAND.

LONDON, December 30.

The coffin of Druce has been opened and contains the body of an aged bearded man. This is regarded as disposing of the pretensions of the claimant to the Dukedom of Portland.

THE BRITISH NAVY.

LONDON, December 31.

The St. Vincent, an improved Dreadnought of 1350 tons more displacement, has been laid down at Portsmouth.

THE FINANCIAL CRISIS.

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The only alternative to the regulation of railway trusts was to hand them over to the country.

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NEW YORK POVERTY.

Thousands Homeless

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

LONDON, December 31.

The unemployed and homeless in New York are estimated to number one hundred thousand.

The distress is so acute that the charities are overwhelmed with applications for assistance.

KITCHENER HONOURED.

Made a G. C. S. I.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

LONDON, January 1.

Viscount Kitchener of Khartoum has been created a Grand Commander of the Order of the Star of India—G. C. S. I.

[There are now forty Grand Commanders, including His Majesty the King, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, Lord Elgin, Sir Arthur E. Havelock, Lord Roberts, and Sir George S. White. The ribbon of the Order is light blue, with white stripes towards each edge and the motto is "Heaven's Light our Guide."—Ed., G.M.]

RUSSIA'S POLITICS.

Members of Duma Sentenced.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

LONDON, January 1.

At St. Petersburg 167 members of the first Duma have been sentenced to three months' imprisonment and to lose all electoral rights for issuing the famous Viborg Manifesto.

The manifesto protested against the dissolution of the Duma and incited the people of Russia to refuse to pay taxes and to refuse to obtain recruits.

The lightness of the sentence is regarded as a victory to the popular cause.

THE FRENCH BUDGET.

LONDON, December 30.

The French Senate has passed the Budget and authorised the issue of Frs. 58,000,000 in short-term bonds, and the balance required, in indorsed bonds. The Chambers have passed a tax on Bourse transactions.

THE FRENCH IN MOROCCO.

LONDON, December 30.

The appointment of General D'Amade is regarded as signifying a more active military policy at Casablanca and the vicinity.

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